***Robo-Cop Essay***

After my accident and transformation into a robot, my thought process, morals, and priorities changed. After previously reading the article about artificial intelligence, it made me think more about AI’s in warfare and my own role in the community. “A robot needs to be able to detect and classify unforeseen physical states and disturbances, rate the potential damage they may cause to it, and initiate appropriate countermeasures”, is a statement made by Kuehn and Haddadin. I agree that robots should be able to feel and detect pain and danger for the sake of people around it.

As stated in the article, “pain is a system to protect us” and “When we evade from the source of pain, it helps us not get hurt”. Humans can process things that are important them and rationalize better than a robot with one sole purpose. So if you get a human and remove all his morals, he would rather go to great lengths to complete the given task than the stop and protect someone in danger. So if you have a robot with no morals and no pain sensitivity then they can possibly destroy themselves or hurt the people around them.

The main problem is that AI cannot feel pain or remorse, but researchers, from Leibniz University of Hannover, are working on a robot nervous system to maybe help with that. I understand and believe that robots can solve problems faster and more effectively, and they can enter certain areas and situations that humans can’t, but without the “nervous system” that they are currently working on, we cannot solve certain problems.

Robots lack the ability to see things how humans see them. For example, there are many things that have changed after my accident that pushed my procedure to turn most of my body to synthetics. Before my transformation, I showed emotion towards my family and friends, but now all I see is “threat” and “non- threat”. I’ve become more assertive and forceful with my job and other aspects of my life, and like I said, AI’s focus on one task and don’t stop or get sidetracked.

If the researchers successfully added pain sensitivity to AI’s, “the overall autonomy and collaboration” will improve. After surpassing that barrier, safety and effectivity will eventually improve also. But then there’s still a problem with morals, since robots do not know the difference between right and wrong. For example, if there is a drone searching for a target, it would not wait to separate the target from other people. A robot with a task would not be concerned by innocent people surrounding a target